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SUBJECT:US-USSR COOPERATION IN S&T: INTERACADEMY PROGRAM  
IN PHYSICS (01.0800)

PLEASE PASS TO PROFESSOR DAVID PINES C/O PROFESSOR SETSUO  
ICHIMARU, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

1. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USA REQUESTS AMEMBASSY  
TOKYO RELAY ASAP TEXT OF THIS MESSAGE FROM NAS STAFF OFFICER  
GERSON SHER TO PROFESSOR DAVID PINES, WHO IS US COCHAIRMAN  
OF JOINT WORKING GROUP ON PHYSICS OF THE US-USSR JOINT  
COMMISSION ON S&T COOPERATION. PINES IS VISITING TOKYO  
UNTIL MAY 4 WITH PROFESSOR ICHIMARU AND IS RESIDING AT  
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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF TOKYO (TELEPHONE: 03-470-4611).  
HE LEAVES JAPAN MAY 5 VIA NIIGATA TO KHABAROVSK. MESSAGE  
CONSISTS OF ALL PARAGRAPHS THAT FOLLOW.

2. AT APRIL 23 MEETING NAS COUNCIL REACHED NO FORMAL  
DECISION ON CHANGING LEVEL OF NAS COMMITMENT TO COOPERATIVE  
PROGRAMS WITH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USSR. AT ITS NEXT

MEETING ON JUNE 25 THE COUNCIL INTENDS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND PERHAPS TO FORMULATE ITS POLICY IN THIS AREA. OBVIOUSLY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USSR BETWEEN NOW AND THEN MAY INFLUENCE OUTCOME.

3. AT THE NAS ANNUAL MEETING (APRIL 25) THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PASSED: QUOTE THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PRESENT AND VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING CONVEY TO THE COUNCIL THEIR DISMAY AT THE LACK OF SOVIET RESPONSE TO NAS INITIATIVES ON BEHALF OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS DENIED THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS ENDQUOTE.

4. IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NAS MEMBERSHIP ON APRIL 25, DR HANDLER MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QUOTE YOU

HEARD EARLIER...CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OFFICIAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY OF THE SOVIET UNION IS SOMEWHAT STRAINED. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SCIENCE POLICY AND THE PHYSICS RESEARCH COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS FOR THE LONGSTANDING INTERACADEMY EXCHANGE PROGRAM. MANY AMONG US, BOTH FORE PURELY SCIENTIFIC REASONS AND IN THE HOPE OF A MORE STABLE DETENTE, WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE PROGRAMS EXPANDED AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD THE SOVIET ACADEMY. THE BILATERAL SEMINARS IN SEVERAL FIELDS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND THIS PROGRAM COULD CERTAINLY BE EXPANDED WITH GREAT MUTUAL BENEFIT. BUT OTHERS, SORELY TROUBLED BY THE PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF SOME OF OUR SOVIET COLLEAGUES, WOULD PREFER THAT THESE PROGRAMS BE CANCELLED. I CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THAT THE LATTER COURSE WOULD BE A SERIOUS ERROR AND THAT WE SHOULD KEEP OPEN OUR CURRENT COMMUNICATION LINES AND MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY, COOPERATING IN THOSE AREAS THAT SEEM MOST REWARDING. BUT, IN THE CURRENT PARLANCE OF DIPLOMACY, IN OUR MINDS THERE IS A LOOSE LINKAGE. UNTIL SOVIET AUTHORITIES OFFER THE MINOR CIVILITY OF A REPLY TO THE QUERIES ADDRESSED TO THEM BY OUR COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, UNTIL WE KNOW THE FATE OF YURI ORLOV AND ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY, UNTIL THERE IS EVIDENCE OF CONSTRUCTIVE ATTENTION TO THE RIGHTS OF SUCH SCIENTISTS AS KOVALEV, GINSBURG AND LEVICH, I CONSIDER THAT WE WOULD BE ILL-ADVISED TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO PROPOSALS FOR AN INCREASE BEYOND THE CURRENT LEVEL OF EXCHANGE ACTIVITY. ENDQUOTE

5. FYI THE NAS INITIATIVES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS 3-4

INCLUDE LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS FROM THE NAS PRESIDENT, FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS (ROBERT KATES) TO BREZHNEV, ALEKSANDROV, USSR

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR SHCHELEKOV, USSR PROCURATOR GENERAL RUDENKO, AND AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN. NAS STAFF HAS ATTEMPTED TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF WITHOUT SUCCESS.

6. ON BEHALF OF SHCHARANSKIY, AS YOU KNOW, NAS HAS ASKED TO SEND A QUALIFIED LEGAL OBSERVER TO HIS FORTHCOMING TRIAL. FOR ORLOV, WE HAVE REQUESTED INFORMATION ABOUT HIS STATUS AND POINTED OUT THAT HE MAY QUALIFY FOR AMNESTY UNDER THE DECREE FOR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OCTOBER REVOLUTION. FOR KOVALEV, WE HAVE REQUESTED INFORMATION AND ASKED THAT HE BE RELEASED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THE LEVICH CASE WE HAVE INDICATED OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS THAT HE HAS MANY INVITATIONS FROM TOP US AND OTHER UNIVERSITIES AND THAT HE SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE. NO FORMAL NAS REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ON BEHALF OF GINZBURG. AMEMBASSY MOSCOW (SCIENCE COUNSELLOR) HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY NAS WITH COPIES OF MAJOR NAS CORRESPONDENCE RE HUMAN RIGHTS DURING PAST YEAR AND YOU MAY WISH TO REVIEW THESE DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO YOUR DISCUSSIONS.

7. ALL ABOVE IS FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLY. ALL DETAILED DISCUSSION OF CASES CITED IN PARAGRAPH 6 SHOULD TAKE PLACE THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS WHICH NAS HAS ATTEMPTED TO USE FOR THIS PURPOSE. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET COUNTERPARTS ON WORKING GROUP YOU MAY DEVELOP PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WHICH, OF COURSE, WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL APPROPRIATE APPROVALS. IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO CONVEY SENSE OF INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS 3-4 UNLESS ASKED.

8. EMBASSY PLEASE REPORT WHEN MESSAGE DELIVERED. CHRISTOPHER

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